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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS AMONG POLICY PLANNING STAFFS

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOJ WOULD BE PLEASED AND FLATTERED TO PARTICIPATE IN TYPE OF CONSULTATIONS ENVISAGED REFTTEL. WHILE THERE IS NO FORMAL FOREIGN POLICY PLANNING INSTITUTION IN JAMAICA, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTAL, PARTY, AND PRIVATE FIGURES WHO PM MANLEY USES AS IDEA MEN AND AS A SOUNDING BOARD FOR LONGER TERM POLICY PLANNING. FIGURES INCLUDE: ROBERT MASON, PERM SEC PM'S OFFICE; RICHARD FLETCHER, CHAIRMAN, SUGAR INDUSTRY AUTHORITY; DUDLEY THOMPSON, MINISTER OF STATE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS; DAVID COORE, MINISTER OF FINANCE; ARTHUR BROWN, GOVERNOR, BANK OF JAMAICA; AND P.J. PATTERSON, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND TOURISM.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS BEST WAY TO INITIATE PROCESS WOULD BE FOR AMBASSADOR TO CALL ON PM TO EXPLAIN:

(A) SECRETARY'S DESIRE FOR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS.

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(B) OUR IDEAS ON HOW TALKS COULD BE ORGANIZED. E.G.

LOCATION, DURATION, NUMBERS, AGENDA, ETC.; AND
(C) INVITE MANLEY TO DESIGNATE THOSE OF HIS ADVISORS
HE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS AND INDICATE
WHAT SPECIFIC TOPICS HE WOULD LIKE PLANNERS TO DISCUSS.

3. JAMAICANS PROBABLY WILL BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING:

- (A) CUBA.
- (B) ENERGY PROBLEMS.
- (C) PRICING OF BASIC COMMODITIES AND LONG TERM AVAILABILITY
OUTLOOK.
- (D) REGIONALISM IN CARIBBEAN.
- (E) EVOLUTION OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND USSR.
- (F) LOS.

4. A GENERAL BUT COMPREHENSIVE EXPOSITION OF OUR THINKING
ABOUT GLOBAL & REGIONAL ISSUES WOULD BE MOST USEFUL
AS GOJ HAS TENDENCY TO LOSE SIGHT OF "BIGGER PICTURE"
DURING DAY TO DAY CONDUCT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.
CONSULTATIONS WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT FORUM FOR US TO
CONVEY OUR CONCERN LEST CONSENSUS POLITICS AND BLOC
VOTING ERODE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS,
LIKE UN, WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE STRENGTHENED.

5. GOJ PREOCCUPATION WITH SOON-TO-OPEN BAUXITE NEGO-
TIATIONS UNQUESTIONABLY WOULD INJECT THIS ISSUE INTO
TALKS IF THEY WERE HELD BEFORE EARLY NEXT YEAR. IF
DEPARTMENT WISHES AVOID THIS, TALKS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED
FOR NO EARLIER THAN APRIL OR MAY 1975. ON OTHER HAND
CONSULTATIONS THIS YEAR WOULD PROVIDE SOMEWHAT DETACHED,
NON-OPERATIONAL SETTING FOR EXPOSITION OUR THINKING ABOUT
COMMODITY PRICES AND ROLE OF MNC'S.

6. COMPOSITION AND SIZE U.S. SIDE SUGGESTED REFTTEL
APPEARS JUST RIGHT. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT LIKE IT
TO GROW ANY LARGER. TWO FULL DAYS FOR TALKS AT
LOCATION PROVIDED BY GOJ WOULD BE IDEAL. BELIEVE
PM MANLEY SHOULD AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN
AT LEAST OPENING SESSION. GERARD

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